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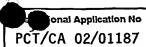
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-1. Claims: 1-17

1.1. Claims: 1-11

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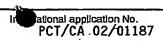
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1.2. Claims: 12-17

A method of promoting struvite formation and a

composition therefor.

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